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OCTOBER 2024 Bethel Record/Newsletter



Monthly Mission: Neighbor's in Need
Communion Sunday → October 6th
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → October 16th

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED



**OUR VISION IS TO BE UNITED IN SEEKING GOD'S WILL
AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.**

Because we affirm the face of God in all, we fully welcome and include people of all abilities, ages, cultures, gender identities, races, sexual orientations, and socio-economic backgrounds, into our life and ministry.

MISSION FOCUS - OCTOBER 2024 - NEIGHBORS IN NEED

MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

**Mental health is a
Universal Human Right**

"God will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth." (Isaiah 42:4)



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!" This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

Please join us in promoting this year's NIN "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right" campaign at your church.

As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting on October 9th at 12:30PM at The Hornets Nest. Please get in contact with Pat Stoltz if you are interested in attending.

CALLING AGES

Middle to High School

Please join our new class!

Our name? YAWH pronounced Yahweh.

It stands for **You Are Welcome Here**.

We will explore how God can play an important role in our everyday lives. We will practice spreading kindness and find ways to bring calm to our lives. And don't forget snacks and games with prizes! We will be meeting 1x/month.

So bring friends and join us:

OCT. 27, 2024
10:15-11:15

Fireside Room
Bethel UCC



ST PAUL'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Invites you to the Installation Service
of Rev. J.D. Rose as our Settled Pastor

October 6, 2024 at 3:00 PM

In the Sanctuary

at St. Paul's United Church of Christ

7700 Middle Mount Vernon Rd., Evansville, IN



A meal will immediately follow,
downstairs in our Fellowship Hall

A shuttle to the lower level will be provided for anyone for whom stairs are a challenge



Ruben and Mary Bierbaum Scholarship

As a member of Bethel UCC, you may be eligible for a scholarship to assist you in your studies at college or a trade school. Bethel UCC is privileged to offer the "Ruben and Mary Bierbaum Scholarship" to our active members. If you are an undergraduate student and would like to apply for scholarship assistance for the current school year, please let Rev. Sam know. So far, two Scholarships have been awarded to Keeli Webster and Allison Payne.



Trunk or Treat is scheduled for the last Sunday in October (27th). We would love to have volunteers to decorate different tables so start warming up your imagination.



Bethel Buddies

Child Care & Preschool

We had an amazing month with visits from two local humane societies and the Evansville Fire Department.



October 21-25th: Child Safety Week. The preschool will be selling Pinwheels during this time in recognition of Child Safety Week. You can purchase them for \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

October 30th: Pumpkin Patch! Every year we hold a small pumpkin patch in the courtyard for the preschoolers. We are accepting pumpkin donations for this event. Please be sure that these are not too large as the children will need to be able to carry them by themselves.

We are always looking for volunteers to read during our story time.

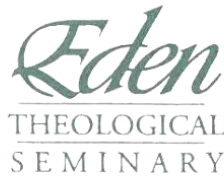


HABITAT BUILD DEDICATIONS

The UCC/DOC build #608 located at 500 Covert Ave. is complete and the dedication ceremony took place on September 26th!

The Veteran's Build (aka Appman Build) #610 is also nearing completion and we are expecting that home dedication to occur in October.

Thank you all who have donated and volunteered to make these builds possible!



August 29, 2024

Dear Friends at Bethel United Church of Christ,

It is hard to believe the fall season is already upon us. This new academic year marks the beginning of yet another exciting time in Eden's history. Eden begins its' 175th academic year, and an entire century on the Webster Groves campus. We give thanks to God for these 175 years of transforming lives to transform the world. And we give thanks for you as we join together on this journey.

For 175 years Eden Theological Seminary has educated and engaged the next generation of spiritual leaders who speak and act for Christianity's bold history of social justice, radical inclusivity, peace, and love. We are building capacity, demand, and access for theological education that will help leaders across the country and world adapt together to the ever-changing future.

Your support has made all this possible.

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Eden Theological Seminary, thank you for your gift to the Annual Fund on 9/5/2024.

In Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Schaller Blaufuss".

Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss
Vice President for Advancement

A handwritten note in blue ink that says "Thank you" written diagonally.



Gratefully acknowledges a gift of

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Bethel United Church of Christ

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Celebrating 600 Homes in 40 Years

We build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

September 12, 2024

Rev. Sam Buehrer
Bethel United Church of Christ
3029 N. Green River Rd.
Evansville, IN 47715-1417

Dear Rev. Buehrer,

I am writing to send a heartfelt thank you for your generous support. Your gift of \$750.00 is helping us build brighter futures!

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Every day, families in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties find themselves struggling to keep a decent roof over their heads. Scarcity of affordable housing is one of the most serious challenges faced by families in our community right now. For many, the dream of homeownership is simply out of reach.

By giving them a hand up – *not a hand out* – we can help our local families achieve greater safety, financial stability, and independence to pursue their dreams. Because of your donation, **we will be able to give more local families and individuals hope for a brighter future by helping them build and buy their own decent and affordable homes.**

Your generosity will not only construct homes but will also build hope, providing families with the foundation they need to succeed. Together, we are forging a path towards brighter futures, one home at a time.

On behalf of our staff, board, and future homeowners, **THANK YOU** for helping us build brighter futures this spring. Our busy building season is off to a great start thanks to your kind and caring generosity!

Sincerely,

Dan Douglas
Director of Development

*Rev. Buehrer,
Thank you so much for
this impactful gift towards
the UCC Build!*

P.S. – If you would like to know about our latest builds, go to www.evansvillehabitat.org and click on "Email Newsletter" at the bottom of the page under "Subscribe to Email."

Donation Type: Check
Date of Donation: 8/26/2024
Check Number: 999712
Designation: UCC Build

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BIRTHDAYS

 AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy October Anniversaries to:

4 Debra & Dan Patterson 10 Shirley & Bob Mangold

Happy October Birthdays to:

3 Nancy Noland	18 Betty Clark	23 Lynne Finney
6 Ellen Buehrer	18 Laylani Garvey	24 Kraig Nance
7 Patti Manley	18 Judy Schultheis	24 Jerry Noland
9 Joan English	21 Kim Shafer	
17 Chad Wininger	22 Theo Scales	

Family and Friends Serving in the Active Military - We hold in our prayers: * Jacob Swanson, Army, grandson of Ruth Willis.

NURSING/REHAB/RETIREMENT HOME/HOMEBOUND

Name	Room #	Address
Victor Luhring	149	Heritage Center 429-0700 1201 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710
Harriet Anderson	103	Holiday Villa 1200 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710
Nancy Westbo	153	North Park Nursing Center 425-5243 650 Fairway Dr., Evansville, IN 47710
Letta Fraccaro	1119	Covenant Living at The Holmstad 700 W. Fabyan Pkwy, Batavia, IL 60510
Linda Garrett Jim Vogel	117 226	Primrose Retirement Community 9800 Lincoln Ave., Newburgh, IN 47630
Jeanette Plane	SOUTH RM.3	Protestant Home 476-3360 3701 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47714
Sandra Altheide Ritchie Taylor	316 528	River Pointe 475-2822 3001 Galaxy Dr., Evansville, IN 47715
Doris Rohlfer	108	Brickyard / Woodlands Care Center 4088 Frame Rd, Newburgh IN, 47630
Cliff Kleymeyer		600 S Cullen Ave #603, Evansville, IN, 47715
Don Carrell		Bethel Wellness Community 6015 Kratzville Rd, Evansville, IN 47710

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